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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: SCANNING TEMPORAL ULTRAFAST DELAY METHODS AND APPARATUSES
THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

30. (Amended) A method of stabilizing a short-pulse fiber laser, comprising:

isolating said fiber laser from an external environment ;

wrapping said fiber laser onto a fiber spool; and

operating the fiber laser while said fiber laser remains wrapped on said fiber spool.

Please add the following new claims:

31. (New) The method for stabilizing a short-pulse fiber laser claimed in claim 30, wherein

said fiber spool is acoustically damped.

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